

A Story at Id

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These children are Muslims.
Every year Muslims enjoy a happy
time called Id-ul-Adha.
The children are very excited.



The children have a special
bath the night before Id.

On Id morning they get up very very early.
They put on brand new clothes.



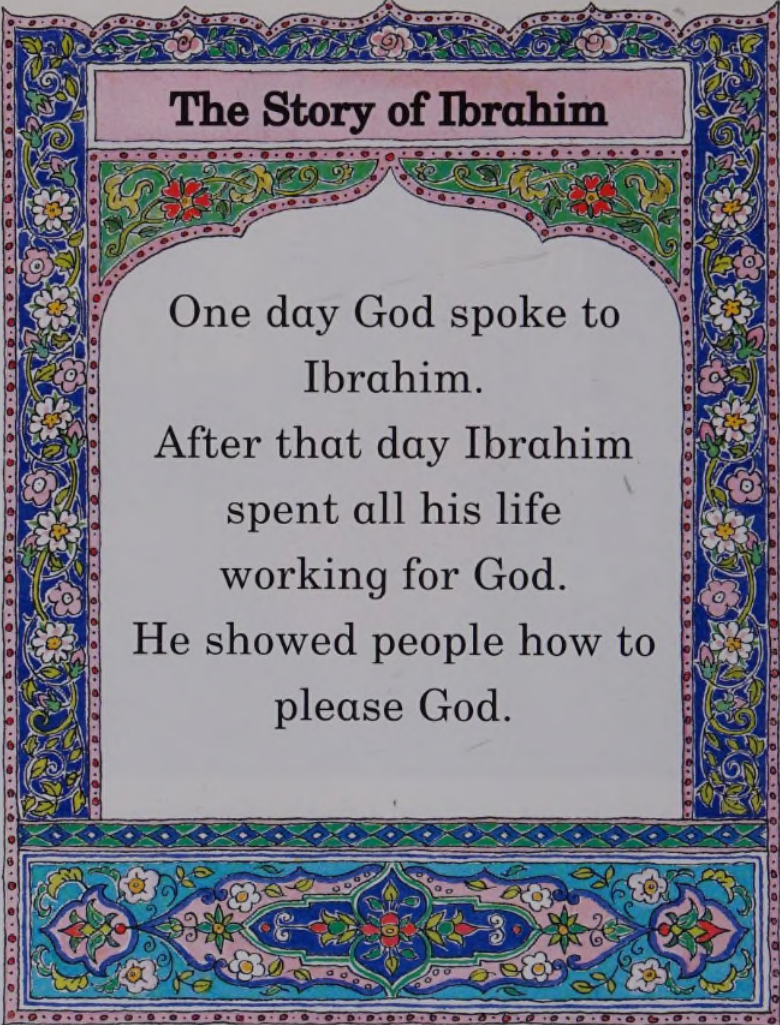
Then they go to the mosque to pray.
There are hundreds of people going
to the mosque.
All their friends are going too.



They think about God's love and kindness.
They remember that sometimes people
have to face tests.
They remember the story of Ibrahim.



Ibrahim lived hundreds of years ago.
He was a great leader.
He had to face a test.

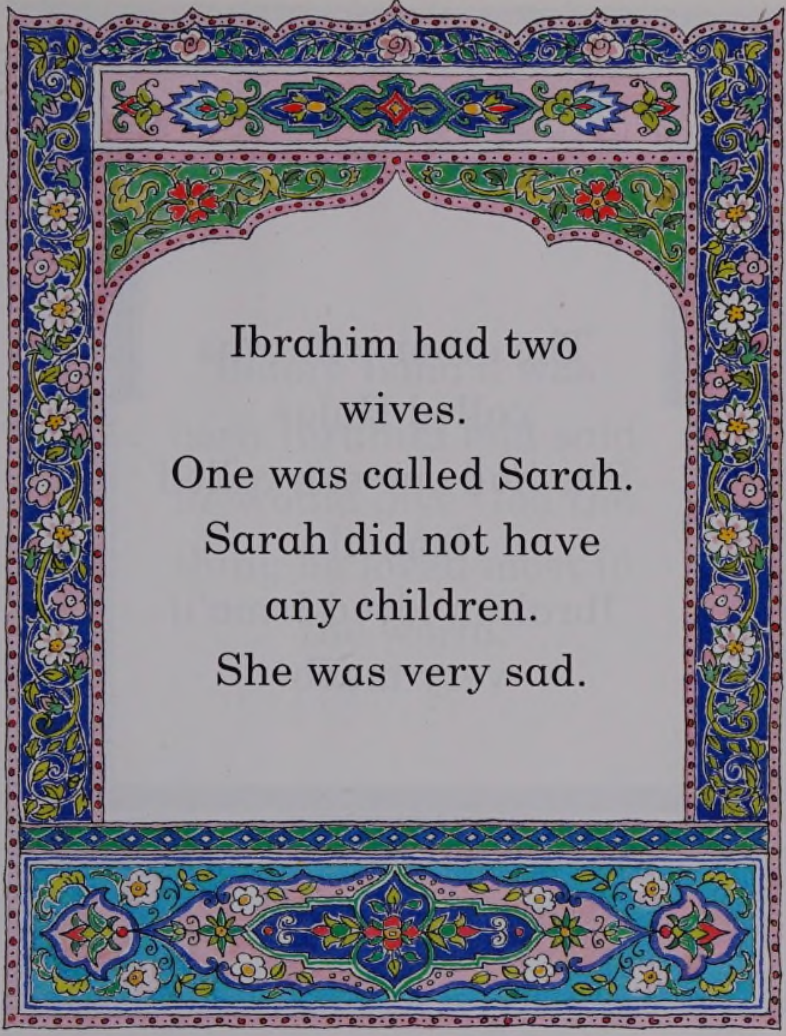


The Story of Ibrahim

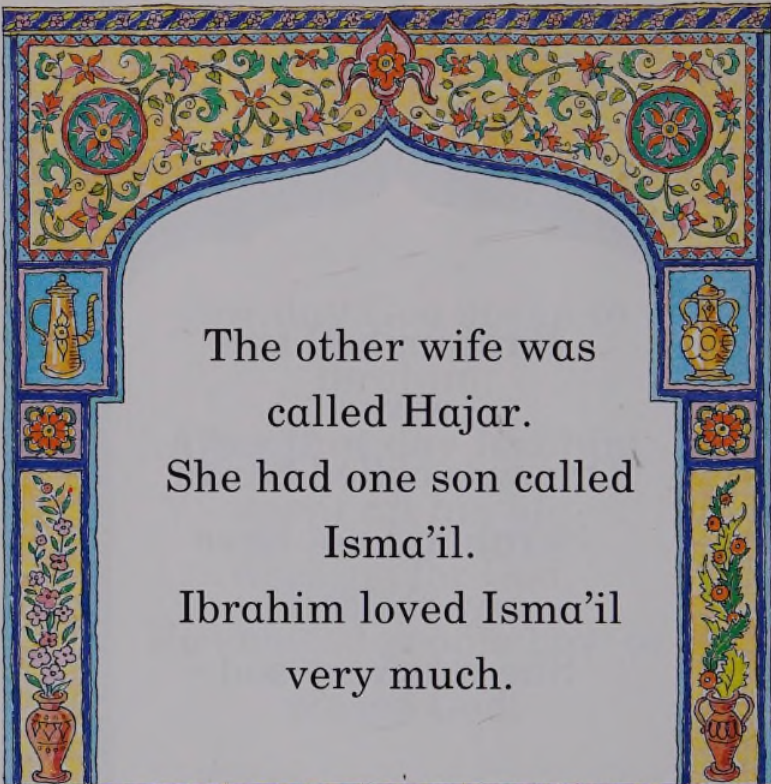
One day God spoke to
Ibrahim.

After that day Ibrahim
spent all his life
working for God.


He showed people how to
please God.

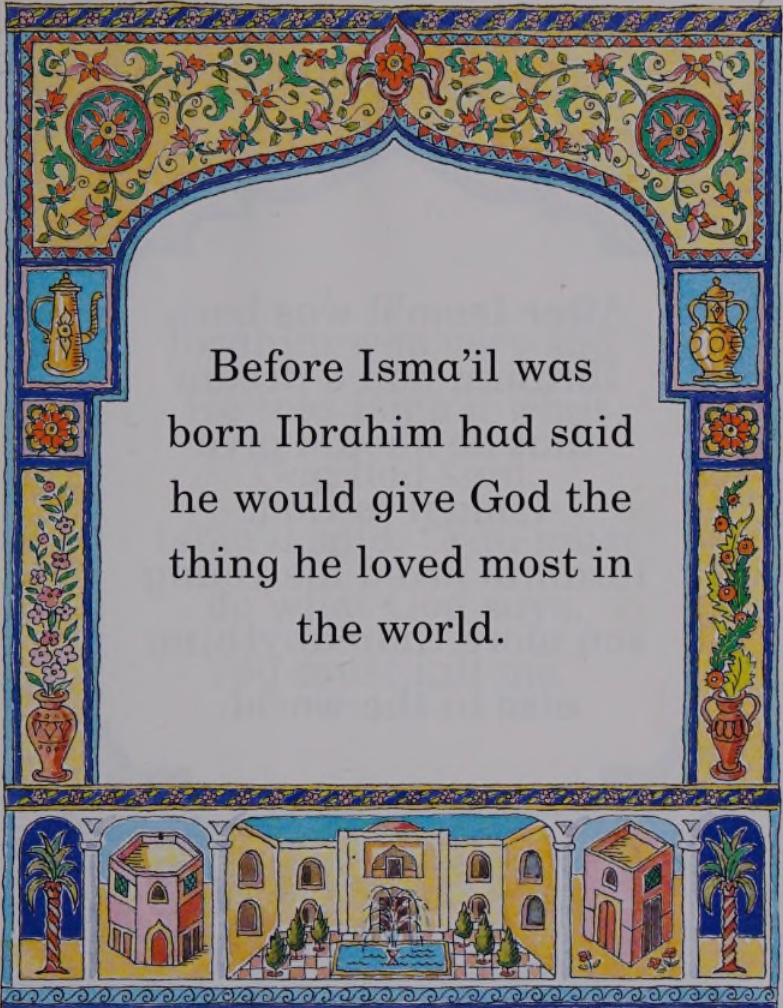


Ibrahim had two
wives.
One was called Sarah.
Sarah did not have
any children.
She was very sad.



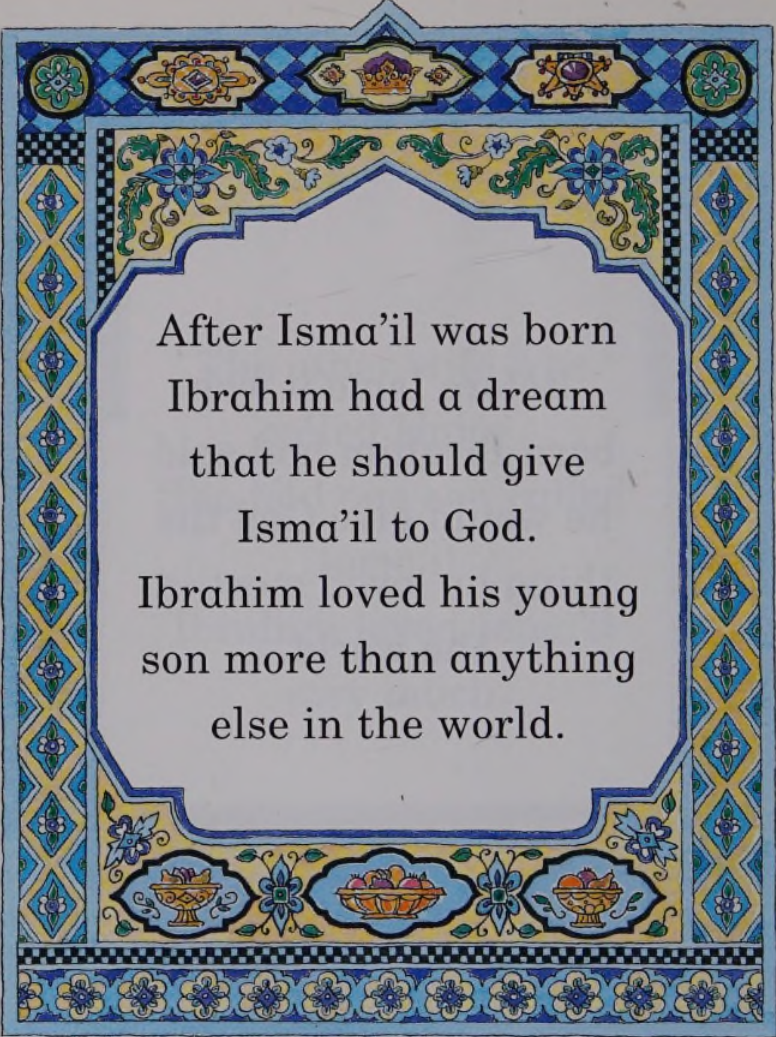
The other wife was
called Hajar.
She had one son called
Isma'il.
Ibrahim loved Isma'il
very much.



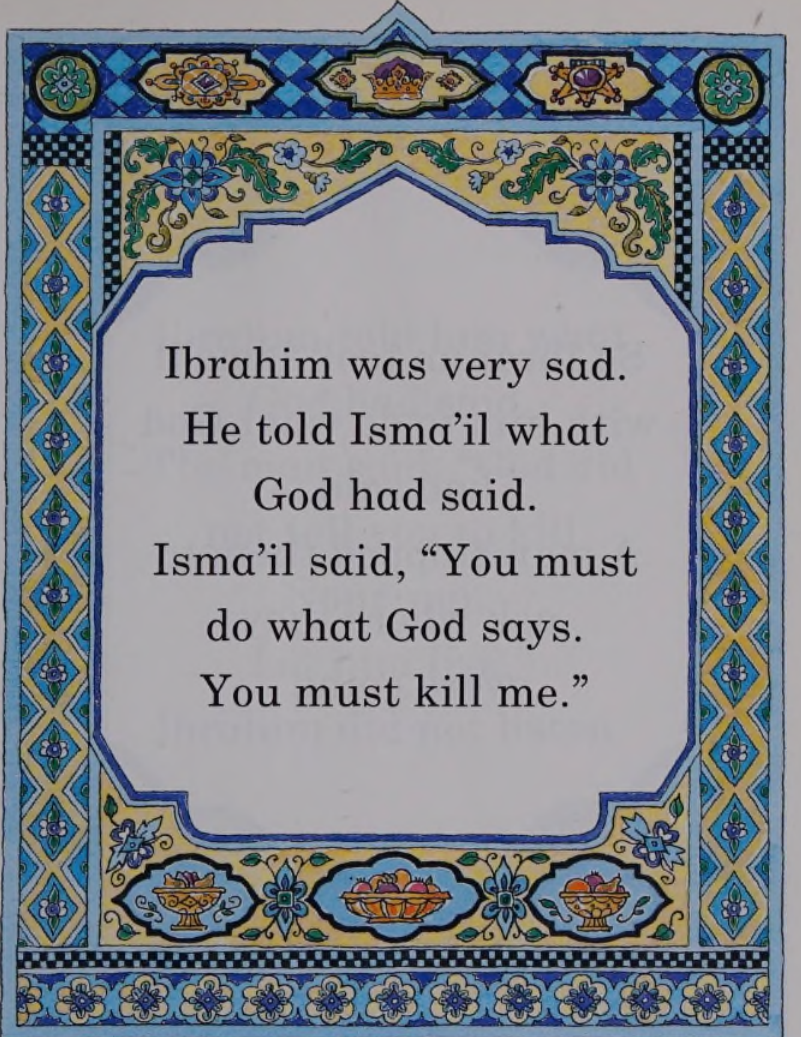


Before Isma'il was
born Ibrahim had said
he would give God the
thing he loved most in
the world.





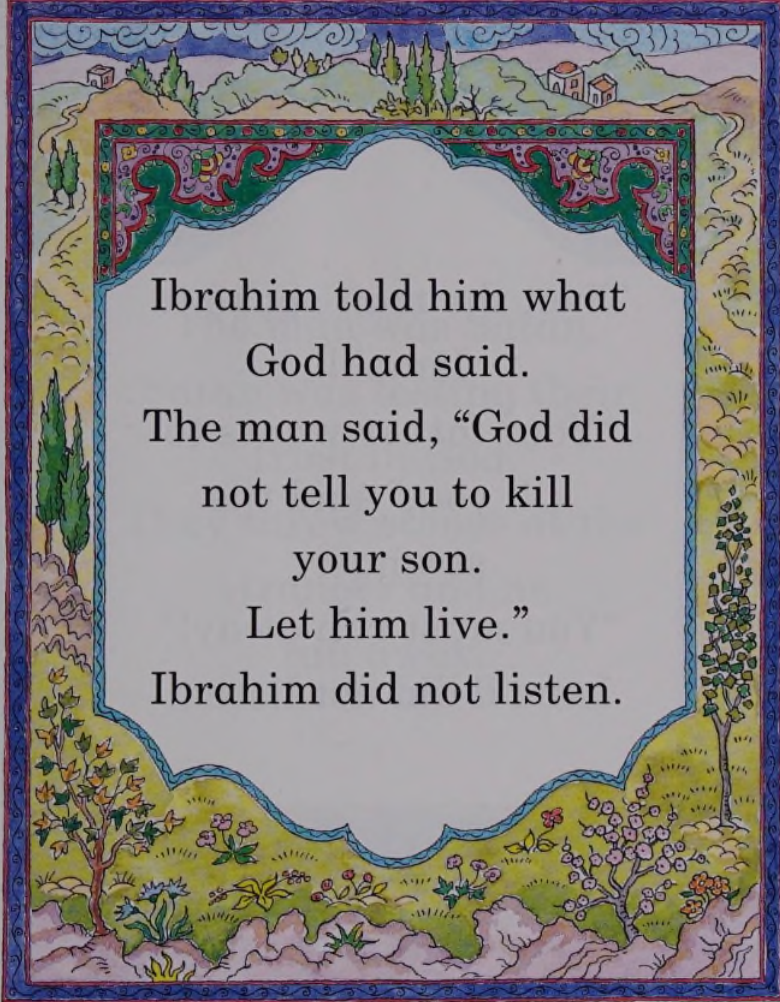
After Isma'il was born
Ibrahim had a dream
that he should give
Isma'il to God.
Ibrahim loved his young
son more than anything
else in the world.



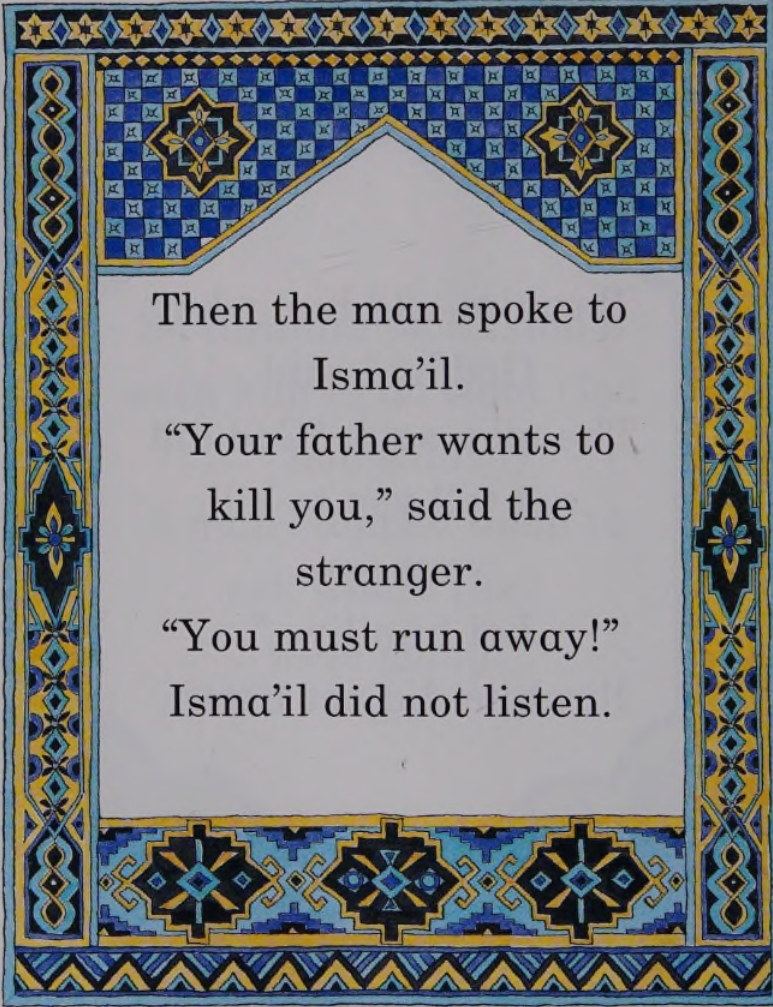
Ibrahim was very sad.
He told Isma'il what
God had said.
Isma'il said, "You must
do what God says.
You must kill me."

So Ibrahim took Isma'il
with him to do what God
had said.

A man stopped them to
ask where they
were going.



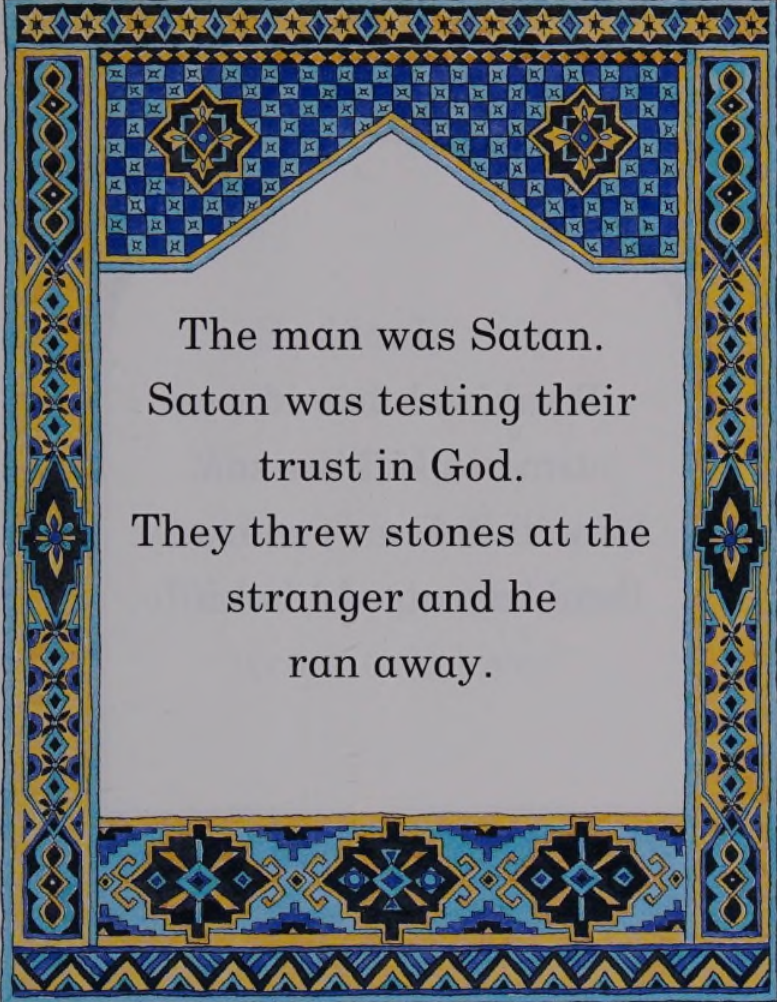
Ibrahim told him what
God had said.
The man said, "God did
not tell you to kill
your son.
Let him live."
Ibrahim did not listen.



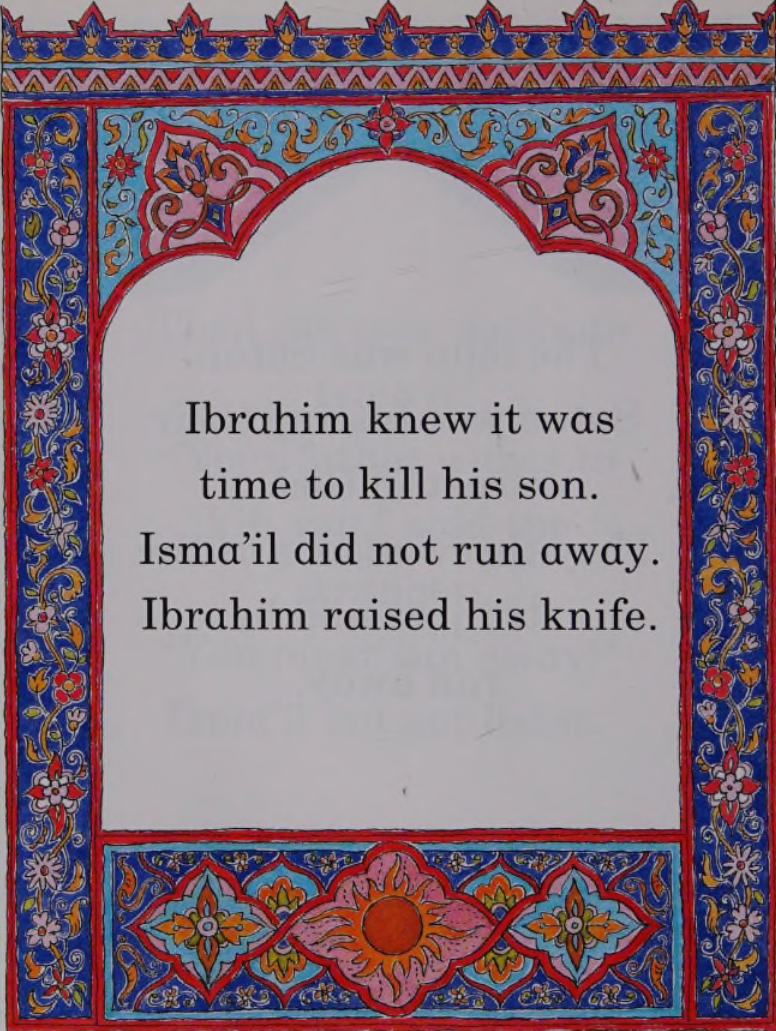
Then the man spoke to
Isma'il.

“Your father wants to
kill you,” said the
stranger.

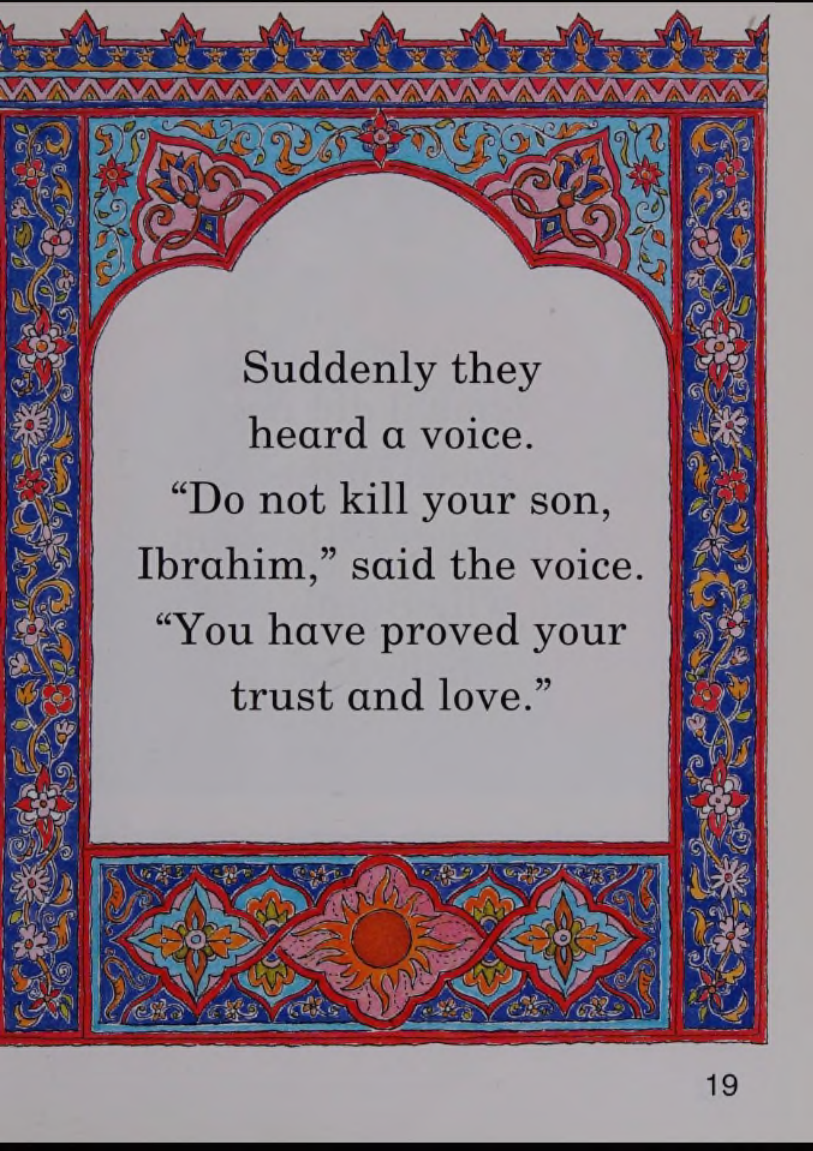
“You must run away!”
Isma'il did not listen.



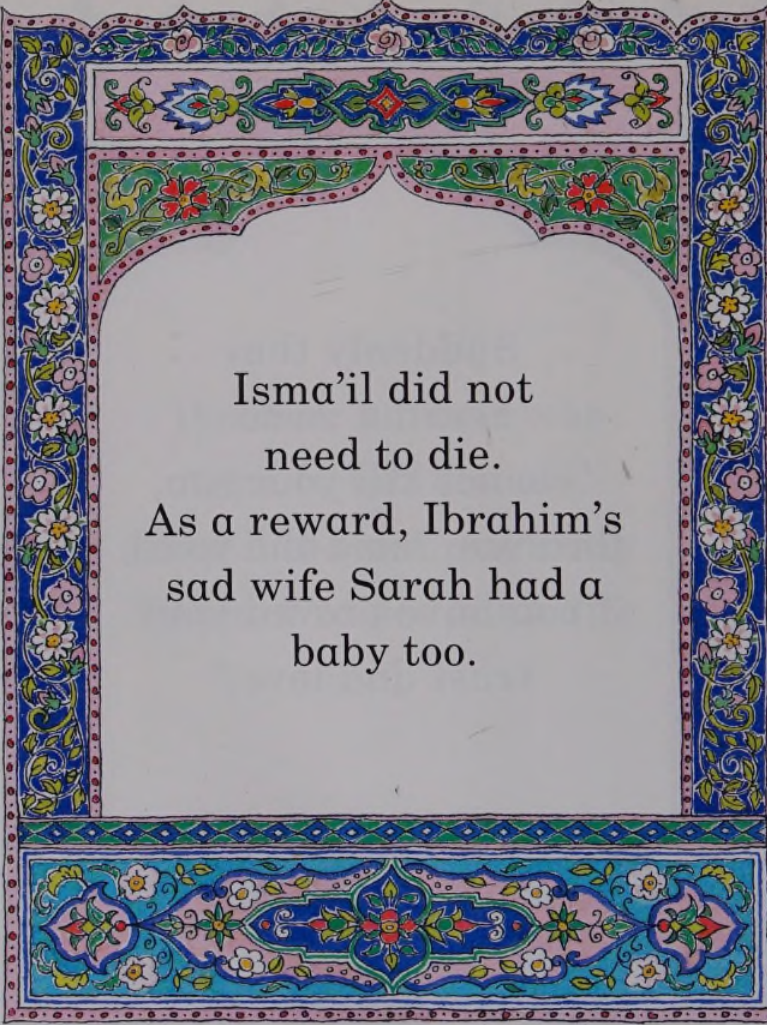
The man was Satan.
Satan was testing their
trust in God.
They threw stones at the
stranger and he
ran away.



Ibrahim knew it was
time to kill his son.
Isma'il did not run away.
Ibrahim raised his knife.



Suddenly they
heard a voice.
“Do not kill your son,
Ibrahim,” said the voice.
“You have proved your
trust and love.”



Isma'il did not
need to die.
As a reward, Ibrahim's
sad wife Sarah had a
baby too.



Muslims remember this story at Id-ul-Adha. After the prayer everybody hugs and kisses and says “Id Mubarak” which means “Happy Feast Day”.



The children get money and sweets, presents and cards.



On Id Day, the family pays for a whole sheep and shares the meat with other people who are poor.



The day ends with a big party for
all the family.
Poor and lonely people are invited too.
Everyone is happy.

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When Muslims celebrate Id,
they go to the mosque.
This is a story they remember there.